

SENATE BILL 3341

By Williams

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, Part 23, relative to school nutrition.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2303, is amended by deleting subdivision (6) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(6)

(A) Require each local school board to submit to the commissioner a plan for compliance with this part sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of the school year. For each subsequent school year, require each local school board to submit modifications to the plan sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of the school year;

(B) Such plan for compliance shall:

(i) Set preferences for the use of agriculture products from such local school board's county or geographical region;

(ii) Allow flexible bidding processes to assist farmers to bid competitively on portions of a given nutrition plan, rather than an entire nutrition plan; and

(iii) Require that all food provided for public school use meet or exceed food safety standards for commercial food operations;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.